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TAGS: PREL MASS MOPS OAU RW

SUBJECT: OAU REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH EXPANSION OF NMOC

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 4498 B) KIGALI 2620 C) KIGALI 2653

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. CONCERNING TROOP TRANSPORT FOR THE EXPANDED NMOC, THE OAU SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, IT SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE REMAINING UNSPENT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED BY THE USC. ESF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE CAN BE USED FOR OAU CEASEFIRE MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND FIELD EXPENSES, INCLUDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT. (SUCH FUNDS MAY NOT, HOWEVER, BE USED FOR LETHAL EQUIPMENT OR PER DIEM.) OUR

MOST RECENT INFORMATION WAS THAT THE OAU HAD SUFFICIENT U.S. FUNDING TO EXPAND AND OPERATE THE NMOC FOR AT LEAST ONE MONTH, AND THAT THERE IS AS MUCH AS DOLS 200,000 IN UNSPENT ESF FUNDS. IN ADDITION, UNSPENT FMF FUNDS COULD BE USED TO EQUIP THE TROOPS, BUT PROCEDURES FOR USING FMF COULD BE SLOWER, SO THE OAU WOULD NEED TO MOVE QUICKLY ON

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SUCH A REQUEST.

3. IF THE OAU WANTS THE USC TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL CALL A FORMAL DONOR'S MEETING TO OUTLINE THE OAU'S EXACT NEEDS FOR THE EXPANDED NMOC. WE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE CALLED AFTER THE OAU SUMMIT IN CAIRO. WHILE WE CAN BEGIN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON ON THIS ISSUE, WE CANNOT OBTAIN INTERAGENCY APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL AID TO THE OAU NMOC WITHOUT A CLEAR IDEA OF EXACTLY HOW MUCH MONEY THE OAU WILL NEED AND FOR WHAT SPECIFIC PURPOSES.

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